

Bryant Bulletin

January 23, 2019



Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Hibler

Mrs. Hibler is one of our awesome 5th grade Reading/ELA teachers! She has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa and a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M. This is Mrs. Hibler's 7th year in education. She has taught 2nd, 4th, and 5th grade. Mrs. Hibler works in education because of the difference teachers can make in the life of a child. She is passionate about instilling a love in reading in her students! Mrs. Hibler loves discussing student's favorite books, debating a character's choices, and just interacting with students about the books in their lives. Mrs. Hibler shared one of her favorite moments in education, "It is not one particular moment, but any time I am able to

see my previous students and discuss growth with them is a highlight in my career. Seeing our fifth graders off at the end of the year often means not having much contact with the students after they leave, but when we do get to see them and catch up, I love it!" Outside of school, Mrs. Hibler loves to travel, read, spend time with family and friends, and watch movies. Mrs. Hibler shared how she helps create a Culture of Care and Kindness at Bryant, "I create a Culture of Care and Kindness by reminding students that we are a family and each person's voice is valued. I try to remind my students that we may not make great choices all the time when it comes to the way we treat others, but we need to be reflective to learn how to improve. I work with my fifth graders on strengthening their communication skills to work through problems and express themselves."

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Happy Wednesday! I hope everyone is doing well. It is hard to believe we are entering into the end of January. I have a few announcements below but please make sure to read the Bulletin in its entirety, especially through the PTA Section!!

Welcome: I would like to introduce Ms. Haleigh Warlick, our newest staff member. Due to growing enrollment we were granted an additional teaching position for Resource and In-Class Support. We are so happy to have found such a great teacher in the middle of the year. Welcome Ms. Warlick!!!

Attention Parents of Bus Riders: Recently, we learned Verizon Wireless will be charging Remind (the app we use to send out bus departure messages) a new fee that makes it impossible for them to continue supporting free text messaging for anyone who has Verizon Wireless as their phone carrier. Beginning January 28, 2019, parents who normally get Remind messages as texts will no longer receive these messages if you have Verizon Wireless as your phone carrier. In order to continue receiving bus departure notifications, please download the [Remind app](#). If you have Verizon as your phone carrier, you will not receive texts messages, but you will receive the bus notifications via the app. At this time all other carriers remain unaffected.

Family Learning Night: February 7th is our very first Family Learning Night. We have taken the ideas of a Math Night and a Science Night, and a Reading Night and combined them into one big event called Family Learning Night in which you and your kids can extend learning through hands-on activities. Events will include—a Robotics Playground, CRHS Robotics Team, Mr. French the Science Guy, Demonstrations from the KISD STEAM Center, Mouse Coding, Addition/Subtraction Shoot Out, Estimation Station, Hands-on Equations, Comic Strip Writing, Bookmark Making, Add a Line Story Telling, Sound Vibration Station, Breakout Box Problem Solving and much, much more....PLUS food trucks and our Spring Book Fair. Hope to see you there.

Fighting Flu and Germs: The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) has published a Report to Parents discussing how to stay healthy during the peak of Flu Season. Check out the article by [clicking here](#).

Special Thank You: Thank you to [Texan Roofing](#) for sponsoring our Treasure Tower for the second semester. Kindness is rewarded at Bryant Elementary through the use of our Treasure Tower!! Thank you!!

Kindness Crew: Our Kindness Crew Challenge for this week is: use polite manners.

Next Week (January 28th-February 1st) we will be completing the Great Kindness Challenge checklist. It is a weeklong challenge on showing different kinds of kindness. If you are interested in doing something similar, we have a Family Edition of the Great Kindness Challenge that you can print by [clicking here](#):

Event Calendar

Thursday, January 24

Coffee with the Principal @9am, LGI

Friday, January 25

100th Day of School

Spirit Store During Grade Level Lunches (Please place money to be spent on Spirit Store in a ziplock bag with your child's name, grade level, and Teacher written on the outside. Please label the bag as "Spirit Store Money.")

Wednesday, January 30

College Shirt Day

District Family Night, No Homework Assigned

Monday, February 4 – Friday, February 8

Book Fair

National School Counseling Week--We LOVE Mrs. Flores!!

Wednesday, February 6

Core Essential Kickoff, wear blue for "service."

Thursday, February 7

Family Learning Night, 5-7:30pm

Monday, February 11 – Friday, February 15

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week—Show our bus drivers how important they are

Tuesday, February 12

Progress Reports Go Home

Thursday, February 14

Friendship Parties, more information and pre-raptored sign in link coming out next week!

Friday, February 15

Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Sparkles & Spurs Ball, 6-7:30pm

Monday, February 18

Student Holiday, President's Day

Thursday, February 21

2nd grade Living Museum, more information coming home soon!

Friday, February 22

Spirit Store During Grade Level Lunches (Please place money to be spent on Spirit Store in a ziplock bag with your child's name, grade level, and Teacher written on the outside. Please label the bag as "Spirit Store Money.")

Wednesday, February 27

College Shirt Day

Office and Other Information

- Click [HERE](#) for the Bryant Website
- Click [HERE](#) for Katy ISD Home Access Center (HAC). Register to gain access to grades, e-news, etc.

Follow us via social media:

Facebook= [Bryant Elementary](#)

Twitter= [@BryantElem](#) [#bengalpride](#)

From the Counselor:

Bryant Elementary will be hosting a Career Day for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students during the school day on May 3rd. We are looking for parents that may be interested in being a part of the event. We really want our parents to be the baseline of our Career Day. We will seek outside community members to represent careers only if needed. It is much more meaningful if our students hear from our parents. We would need you to be available at Bryant Elementary from 8:20-11:30 on May 3rd. You would speak to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders about your job in 45 minute rotations. If you are interested in being a part of our Career Day, please email me, Penny Flores, at penelopewflores@katyisd.org.

I would like to put together a Parent Book Club with our Bryant Parents. We will be reading the book UnSelfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World by Dr. Michele Borba. This book is a great read! It provides a wealth of information on how to build empathy within our children from birth through college, and beyond. Did you know that teens today are forty percent less empathetic than they were thirty years ago? Empathy is an important skill to build within our children. As a book club, we would meet three times: February 13th, March 20th, and April 17th to discuss the book. You would be responsible for purchasing the book and bringing it to our Book Club. It can be found for under \$10 on Amazon. If you are interested in participating in our Book Club, please complete the following Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7zHqFvDOkmKdejkwT_9uZgnJSBA5xX0u2mGWpRfl_Cbt8EQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

From the District:

Katy ISD is sharing information about the state, district and your child's campus as part of our obligations under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Copies of the 2017-18 Federal Report Cards for the state, district and our campus are available for your review in the front office of our school, or online at www.katyisd.org or by [clicking here](#).

Home to School Connection

Stay in touch with teachers

Think of communication with your child's teacher as an ongoing conversation. Consider these tips.

- **Share the good.** Let the teacher know that your youngster enjoyed working on a project or that you liked the class play. Email her, or send a note to school with your child.

- **Work through problems.** If the teacher contacts you with a concern about your youngster, first listen to what she has to say. Respond calmly, and ask what you can do at home to help. Then, follow up with the teacher regularly to see how things are going.♥



Information from the PTA

Bryant VIPS New Year Kickoff

Interested in volunteering but don't know where or how to help out? Now is the perfect time to join us for a kickoff to the New Year and hear about all the fun opportunities we have for you! Come meet your new volunteer friends! More information about our New Year Kickoff can be found by [clicking here](#). If you are unable to attend and would like more information about volunteering, please contact Kathalyn Garza at: bryantptavolunteers@gmail.com.

2018-2019 Yearbook

Please don't forget that in order to guarantee you receive a yearbook for this school year, you must place your order by March 1st. The cost of the yearbook is \$40.00. Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 school year are available to purchase by [clicking here](#).

As a reminder, if you have pictures from school-related events, please send them to bryantptayearbook@gmail.com or upload them through the ReplayIt App.

Online Store

Are you ready for this weekend's cold front? Do you want to stay warm in style? Stop by our PTA Online Store and grab one of our Bryant Hoodies or long sleeve shirts (in both youth and adult sizes) and stay warm this weekend – and for the remainder of this winter season! [Click here](#) to order.

Bryant Ball – February 15

Save the date for our second annual Bryant Ball with this year's theme: "Sparkles and Spurs." This event is open to our Bryant families and will be fun for all. More information will be available in the coming weeks.